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Regional Weather and Impacts

Irma weakens into a tropical depression

(10 TV)

Nation: The National Hurricane Center says Irma has weakened into a tropical depression. The storm, located about 5 miles (10 kilometers) west of Columbus, Georgia, is still bringing heavy rain to the U.S. Southeast on Monday night. Irma is expected to drop 2 to 5 inches of rain across South Carolina and northern portions of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Irma's top sustained winds are 35 mph (55 kph), and it is moving northwest at 15 mph (24 kph). The hurricane center has discontinued all storm surge and tropical storm warnings.

●■■■■■■■■ **Irma's rains moving north** *(Ohio's Country Journal)*

Rain From Irma in Indiana

(13 WTHR)

Indiana: Hurricane Irma has been powerful and destructive for days. It has weakened and is no longer a hurricane, but it is still a large storm moving across the SE United States. The leading edge of the rain will move into southern Indiana early Tuesday morning. There will be off and on showers Tuesday and Wednesday. Rain totals will be .10" - .25" for most of central Indiana. There will be some higher totals south and east of Indianapolis.

IDHS team deployed to Florida after Hurricane Irma

(44 News)

Indiana / Florida: Some Indiana Homeland Security officials have now been sent to Florida in response to Irma. On Monday, the eight-person team headed to Tallahassee, Florida to help

support emergency operations, planning, logistics and command centers. The team consist of personnel from IDHS, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana University and the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency. They'll be there about two weeks or until they're called back. Indiana recently sent two swift water rescue teams and other support to Houston, Texas after Hurricane Harvey.

- [Hoosiers head to Florida to help those affected by Hurricane Irma \(Fox 59\)](#)

Wisconsin Task Force 1 deploys to Florida

(Channel 3000)

Wisconsin / Florida: Wisconsin's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force is traveling to Florida to assist with recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma. WI-TF1 was deployed Monday for 10 days to Jacksonville, according to a press release. The team is bringing specialized equipment and supplies for search and rescue, communications and medical support. "The members of Wisconsin Task Force 1 are uniquely qualified to help the survivors of Hurricane Irma," said Maj. Gen. Don Dunbar, Wisconsin's adjunct general and Homeland Security Advisor. The state of Florida requested WI-TF1's assistance, Maj. Gen. Dunbar said. The team will be tasked with door-to-door searches for storm victims, rescues of individuals and families from flooding and delivery of medical aid to the injured.

- [Wisconsin Xcel Workers To Restore Power In Florida \(CBS Minnesota\)](#)

Ohio steps up for Florida as Hurricane Irma wreaks havoc; how you can help

(Fox 8 Cleveland)

Ohio / Florida: Ohio was one of 16 states to offer help to Florida as Hurricane Irma bared down on the Sunshine State over the weekend, Gov. Rick Scott said in a news conference on Sunday. Volunteers from the Red Cross have answered the call to help, as about 1,500 workers head to the affected areas, including 17 from Northeast Ohio. There, they'll assist the estimated 132,000 people who have sought shelter in more than 510 government and Red Cross evacuation centers across six states.

- [Northeast Ohio Red Cross volunteers on the ground for Irma relief efforts \(Fox 8 Cleveland\)](#)

How Minnesotans are helping following Hurricane Irma

(CBS Minnesota)

Minnesota / Florida: Damage extends across the entire Sunshine State after Hurricane Irma ripped boats from marinas, shredded homes and left millions in the dark. Minnesota's National Guard sent pallets of relief supplies aboard a Chinook helicopter and C130. The 41 airmen and six soldiers will fly medivac missions and cargo to wherever needed. The Red Cross has deployed nearly 100 local disaster relief workers to help in Texas and Florida. The organization is coordinating emergency relief for hurricane victims between government agencies, other nonprofits and faith-based organizations.

Michigan Task Force 1 sends crew, \$9 million in equipment to assist Hurricane Irma rescue efforts

(Click on Detroit)

Michigan / Florida: The Michigan Task Force 1 headed to Florida Sunday morning with \$9 million worth of equipment to help with Hurricane Irma rescue efforts. A crew of 45 personnel from around Michigan left the mobilization center in Holly. The team includes disaster certified doctors, heavy equipment operators and structural engineers. The task force, which was created several years ago and is funded by all levels of government, will help local fire departments during technical rescues. Hurricane Irma is the first out-of-state deployment for the task force. The task force will be in Florida for 11 days. The first responders are expected to arrive in Florida on Monday.

● Crews from MI work to turn on lights after Irma *(Wood TV 8)*

Environmental/Chemical/HAZMAT Sector

Public meeting scheduled to address toxic chemicals found in groundwater

(Michigan Public Radio)

Rockford, Michigan: A public town hall meeting will be held in Rockford tomorrow night to discuss contaminated groundwater. The toxic chemicals were discovered by county health officials last month in private wells in Belmont, about 10 miles north of Grand Rapids. It is believed that chemicals used by the shoe company Wolverine Worldwide caused the contamination. The chemicals found are often used to waterproof leather goods. The company has passed out filters and bottled water to residents in the area. The meeting will be at Rockford High School at 6 p.m. and residents will be able to ask questions of state and county health officials individually before the public meeting. Representatives from Wolverine Worldwide will

also be in attendance to answer questions.

Agriculture and Food Sector

Drought-like conditions could hurt local businesses

(Fox 55 27)

Illinois: Drought-like conditions in Central Illinois could hinder this year's harvest, and hurt local businesses. "The old saying is rain makes grain," local corn and soybean farmer Lee Waters said. "And if you don't have rain..." Then your crops take a hit. "This year is going to be tough for quite a bit of people, because the yield is lower," Waters said. According to Waters, the less than average yield will come as a consequence of this season's dry conditions. And less rainfall, means less profit. "Probably making zero or negative income," Waters said. "So probably losing money this year."

Water Sector

Report warns of chemical in LP tap water

(Michigan City News-Dispatch)

Nation: An environmental advocacy group is warning of a potentially cancer-causing chemical found in tap water across the nation, including La Porte's, although local officials remind residents the water provided by the city continues to exceed all federal standards. Environmental Working Group, headquartered in Washington, D.C., released the report this week detailing the presence of 1,4-dioxane in tap water supplies for 90 million Americans across 45 states. The chemical is classified by the federal Environmental Protection Agency as a "likely" carcinogen at elevated levels although the chemical is not yet regulated by the federal government. The report said more than 7 million people in 27 states are served by public water systems with a higher average level of the chemical than the EPA says may pose an increased risk of cancer. One of those water systems is in La Porte.

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

Bacterial outbreak in 7 states linked to puppies from pet store chain, CDC says*(Fox 59)*

Nation: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Monday it is investigating a multistate outbreak of campylobacter infections linked to contact with puppies sold through Petland, a national pet store chain. Campylobacteriosis, a common bacterial infection, can cause diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever, according to the CDC. As of September 11, a total of 39 people have fallen ill in seven states, including 11 cases in Florida, five in Kansas, one in Missouri, 18 in Ohio, two in Pennsylvania, one in Tennessee and one in Wisconsin. There have been nine hospitalizations and no deaths reported. The first case within this outbreak occurred on September 15, 2016.

Doctors to discuss Shirley Wind Farm's health impact in Suamico public meeting*(Green Bay Press Gazette)*

Suamico, Wisconsin: Experts will discuss wind turbines and their possible effects on human health Tuesday during a public meeting in Suamico. Brown County officials have invited four authorities to discuss issues and answer questions from people who have concerns about potential impact from the turbines at the Shirley Wind Farm. Richard Schadewald, a county supervisor who heads the Board of Health, said the event will feature scientists from multiple sides of the wind issue. Some people, including several living near the either turbines of the Shirley site, believe low-frequency sound from the turbines can cause sleep problems, headaches, nausea, irritability and other symptoms. Others insist no evidence exists to link windmills and illnesses.

Critical Infrastructure Sector**Minnesota Commerce Department recommends against Line 3 plan***(AP)*

Minnesota: Enbridge Energy has failed to establish the need for its proposal to replace its aging Line 3 crude oil pipeline across northern Minnesota and it might be better to just shut down the existing line, the Minnesota Department of Commerce said Monday. In filings with the state Public Utilities Commission on Monday, the agency said refineries in Minnesota and the upper Midwest already have sufficient supplies of crude oil and little capacity for processing more of it. It said Minnesota's demand for gasoline and other refined petroleum products appears unlikely

to increase over the long term. And it said the proposal carries serious environmental and socio-economic risks that outweigh the benefits to Minnesota.

Emergency Management/Preparedness Sector

FEMA flood maps missed 3-in-4 claims

(Homeland Security News Wire)

Nation: An analysis of flood claims in several southeast Houston suburbs from 1999 to 2009 found that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 100-year flood plain maps — the tool that U.S. officials use to determine both flood risk and insurance premiums — failed to capture 75 percent of flood damages from five serious floods, none of which reached the threshold of a 100-year event.

Best Regards,

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